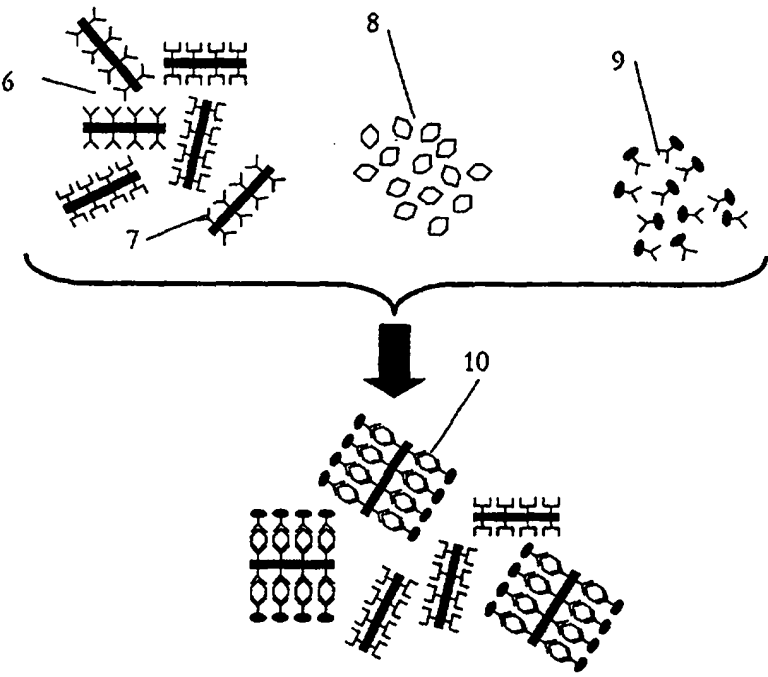




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Claims 9-12, related to a method of fabricating such support,  
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